

Amendments to the claims

Claims 2, 19-42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 is currently amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

1. (Currently amended) A method for preparing an enzyme containing granule comprising an enzyme containing core and a shell coating the core, said method comprising:
 - a) preparing an enzyme containing core; and
 - b) applying the shell to the enzyme containing core ~~at least 1 day~~ to 5 years after preparing said enzyme containing core.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises applying the shell to the enzyme containing core 1 to 7 days after preparing said enzyme containing core.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises applying the shell to the enzyme containing core 1 to 52 weeks after preparing said enzyme containing core.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises applying the shell to the enzyme containing core 1 to 5 years after preparing said enzyme containing core.
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises applying the shell to the enzyme containing core in a geographic location separate from the geographic location where the enzyme containing core was prepared.
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises applying the shell to the enzyme containing core in a country separate from the country where the enzyme containing core was prepared.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the shell is substantially free of enzyme.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the size of the enzyme core, in terms of its diameter in its longest dimension is no more than 1000 μm ; no more than 700 μm ; no more than 600 μm ; between 100 and 500 μm ; between 100 and 400 μm ; or between 200 and 300 μm .
10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the size of the core unit, in terms of its relative mass compared to the overall mass of the granule is up to 30%; up to 20%; up to 15%; up to 10%; or up to 5%.
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme content in the core unit, calculated as pure enzyme protein, is in the range of from 20% to 100% by weight of the enzyme core unit; no less than 25%; no less than 30%; no less than 35%; no less than 40%; no less than 45%; no less than 50%; no less than; no less than 55%; no less than 60%; no less than 65%; no less than 70%; no less than 75%; no less than 80%; no less than 85%; no less than 90%; or no less than 95% by weight.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme containing granule is a co-granule comprising more than one type of enzyme.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the core is a multi-layered core or a clustered-particle core.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to applying the shell, a film is applied to the core to protect the core from components present in the shell.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme core is prepared using a spray cooling process, a spray drying process, a melt granulation process, an emulsion granulation process or a high shear granulation process.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the shell is applied to the enzyme core using a mechanical coating process and/or a fluid bed drying process.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the enzyme core is stored and/or shipped to another geographic location prior to applying the shell.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein a film is applied to the enzyme core prior to storage and/or shipping.

Claims 19-42. (Canceled)